Sponsored Schemes in various sectors, namely, agriculture, horticulture, watershed development, afforestation, irrigation, health, drinking water, emergency feeding, welfare of SCs/STs and rural connectivity.

In addition to the normal flow of funds under Central Plan and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, various steps have been taken to provide some additional funding to these districts. In 1998-99 and 1999-2000, Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 37 crore was provided each year in the Annual Plan of Orissa for these districts, In 1998-99, additional amount of Rs. 7 crore was allocated for the Emergency Feeding Programme and Rs. 2 crore for Mobile Health Units under Basic Minimum Services. In 1999-2000, an additional amount of Rs. 8.60 crore was allocated for the Emergency Feeding Programme, Rs. 2 crore for Mobile Units and Rs. 10 crore for Drinking Water Supply under Basic Minimum Services.

Indian Fabric in World Market

4862. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian fabric can constitute a major part of exports as per German experts; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to participate in Frankfurt trade fair as well as other foreign venues to open market further for textiles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is scope for increasing the share of fabrics in our overall textile exports.

(b) Various Textile Export Promotion Councils are already participating in the Heimtextil fair at frankfurt as well as other International Trade Fairs.

Technology Upgradation Centre in Kerala

4863. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need to modernize the handloom industry in the country to enable them to produce improved varieties of handloom product; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to extend enough financial assistance to set up one technology upgradation centre in each district of Kerala?